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SUMMARY: SECRETARY BUTZ'S PARTY COMPLETED SUCCESSFUL THREE-DAY (NOV 19-21) VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA. YUGOSLAVS WARM AND HOSPITABLE THROUGHOUT. SECRETARY HOSTED BY AGMINISTER KUSTRAK AND CALLED ON PRIME MINISTER BIJEDIC AND VICE PRESIDENT SEFER. DISCUSSION BILATERAL ISSUES CENTERED AROUND POSSIBILITIES FOR CONTINUED YUGOSLAV-US COOPERATION, NOTABLY IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL FIELD. ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES, EEC'S CAP SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION. END SUMMARY.

1. SECRETARY'S PARTY MET AT AIRPORT BY THEIR HOST, FEDERAL COMMITTEE

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FOR AGRICULTURE (FCA) SECRETARY IVO KUSTRAK, WHICH SET TONE FOR VISIT

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THROUGHOUT YUGOSLAVS WERE EXTREMELY CORDIAL AND ALMOST LAVISH IN THEIR HOSPITALITY. IN ADDITION TO CALLS BY SECRETARY AND AMBASSADOR ON KUSTRAK, PREMIER BIJEDIC, VICE PRESIDENT SEFER, AND FOREIGN TRADE MINISTER LUDVIGER, SECRETARY AND MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY VISITED LARGE AGRICULTURAL KOMBINAT "BEOGRAD" AND CORN INSTITUTE AT ZEMUN. THEY WERE RECEIVED WITH CONSIDERABLE WARMTH, TOURED FACILITIES AND DISCUSSED PROGRAMS OF WORK AT SOME LENGTH.

2. HIGHLIGHTS OF TALKS WITH SEFER AND LUDVIGER COVERED IN REFTTEL. KUSTRAK PRESENTED "SHOPPING LIST" OF AREAS IN WHICH YUGOSLAVIA IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN EXPANDING COOPERATION WITH US. TOPPING LIST WAS SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION. HE REVIEWED PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS, STATING THAT DURING PERIOD 1961-72, ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THREE PROJECTS IN FIELD OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY WERE FINANCED OUT OF PL-480 FUNDS AT COST OF ABOUT \$10 MILLION. THIRTY-NINE OF THESE PROJECTS REMAIN TO BE COMPLETED. HE INDICATED THAT FINDING WAYS OF MAINTAINING PAST COOPERATION WAS TOP PRIORITY FOR YUGOSLAVS.

3. SECRETARY BUTZ AGREED THAT MUCH GOOD HAD RESULTED FROM THIS RESEARCH AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT RESEARCH COULD BE CONTINUED WHEN PRESENT FUNDS RUN OUT. WHILE SOME PROJECTS FOR WHICH YUGOSLAVIA CAN CONTRIBUTE A UNIQUE CAPABILITY MAY CONTINUE TO BE FUNDED, THERE IS A DEFINITE PROBLEM SINCE YUGOSLAV SCIENTISTS WILL BE COMPETING FOR DOLLAR FUNDS WITH AMERICAN RESEARCHERS. THE PRESENT LEVEL OF FUNDING COULD NOT RPT NOT BE CONTINUED. WHILE USDA'S OVERALL BUDGET HAD RECENTLY BEEN CUT, THE AMOUNT OF MONEY ALLOCATED TO RESEARCH WOULD BE INCREASED. INCREASING PRODUCTION OF FOOD IS THE WORLD'S MOST IMPORTANT TASK, WHICH CAN ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED IF ALL NATIONS INCREASE THEIR NATIONAL BUDGETS TO ACCOMMODATE RESEARCH FUNDS. AMBASSADOR INDICATED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS THAT EXTENT OF US COOPERATION IN THIS AREA WOULD BE IN CONTEXT OF TOTAL US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS, AS WELL AS BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS.

4. BOTH SECRETARIES EXPRESSED INTEREST IN EXPANDING COOPERATION BETWEEN USDA AND FCA. SECRETARY BUTZ SUGGESTED THAT THE ECONOMIC ATTACHE (KULISIC) IN THE YUGOSLAV EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON CHECK WITH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FAS TO BE SURE THAT HE IS INCLUDED ON THE DISTRIBUTION LIST FOR APPROPRIATE PUBLICATIONS. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE AG ATTACHE IN BELGRADE WOULD BE PLEASED TO FORWARD YUGOSLAV PUBLICATIONS TO WASHINGTON. SECRETARY BUTZ, IN RESPONSE TO AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY KUSTRAK IN FURTHER EXCHANGE VISITS, SAID HE WOULD PARTICULARLY WELCOME A VISIT BY KUSTRAK TO WASHINGTON.

5. ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES, KUSTRAK RAISED THE EEC "BEEF BAN." SECRETARY BUTZ SAID HE BELIEVED EEC WAS FOLLOWING A VERY SHORT-SIGHTED POLICY AND THAT AGRICULTURAL PRICES IN COMMUNITY WERE MAIN-

TAINED AT TOO HIGH A LEVEL. WE MUST ALL, HE CONTINUED, KEEP UP PRESSURE ON EEC TO FOLLOW A MORE REASONABLE PRICE POLICY. YUGOSLAVIA OUGHT NOT TO BE TOO DISCOURAGED, SINCE IN LONG RUN THEY CAN PRODUCE HIGH QUALITY BEEF AT A LOWER PRICE THAN IN THE COMMUNITY. HOWEVER, IMPROVEMENT WILL BE GRADUAL. US HAD HANDLED BEEF PROBLEM DIFFERENTLY; WE ARE "EATING OUR WAY" OUT OF SURPLUS. LOW BEEF PRICES HAVE LED TO CONSUMPTION IN PRESENT YEAR OF ABOUT 55 KG. PER CAPITA. IF EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ALLOWED BEEF PRICES TO FALL, AS RESULT OF SURPLUS, THEY TOO COULD SOLVE THEIR BEEF PROBLEM.

6. OTHER SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WERE COOPERATION IN THIRD COUNTRIES, WHERE SECRETARY BUTZ POINTED TO US AGREEMENT TO CONTRIBUTE \$200 MILLION OF \$1.2 BILLION FUND SUGGESTED BY IRAN AT LAST YEAR'S WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE, SUBJECT TO OTHER COUNTRIES SUPPLYING REMAINING BILLION DOLLARS, SALES OF AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES WITH KUSTRAK PUSHING YUGOSLAV WINE AND SECRETARY PUSHING US FEED, JOINT VENTURES AND COOPERATION BETWEEN YUGOSLAV AND US BANKS.

7. AT END OF MEETING, SECRETARY EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR VERY FRANK AND CORDIAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND INDICATED THAT HE LOOKING FORWARD TO FURTHER EXPANSION OF COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURAL FIELD.
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